28th January 1929]

APPENDIX XVII.

[Vide answer to question No. 1090 asked by Mr. K. V. R. Swami at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 28th January 1929, page 73 supra.]

Letter from the Director of Agriculture, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, dated 17th December 1928, No. D. Dis. 1482/28.

[*Subject.*—Legislative Council question No. 962—Milch cows—Practice of borrowing by Government servants.]

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2. So far as the officers of the Agricultural department are concerned, they do not borrow cows in milk under the conditions indicated in the interpellation or under any other conditions, except on the Experiment station at Palur in the IV circle where some officers hire milch cows at rates from Rs. 2–3 per mensem according to the quantity of milk given by the cow and feeding charges are met by them; but no cows are borrowed free of charge and no presents are offered when cows are returned to the owners when they run dry.

3. As regards Agricultural Dairy practice of the country so far as I have been able to ascertain in the I, V and VII circles the practice of borrowing milch cows and returning them to the owners when they run dry is in vogue, in some places on a monthly rent according to the milk yield and in others, presents of cloths are given but not in money. In other circles cows are purchased outright and they are sent to ryots during the dry period until they calve and payment of costs keep are made.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS